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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Alexandr Ivanovich NIKITIN, et al.

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For:

METHOD OF DECORATIVE-FACING SLABS MANUFACTURING, BASED

ON A GRANULE-POWER-GLASS-BREAKAGE, AND THE MODULE

INSTALLATION FOR THEIR MASS LINE PRODUCTION

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No.:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

STATUS INQUIRY AND RENEWED RESPONSES

A copy of the Patent Application Information Retrieval of January 17, 2003, for the above application is attached. It shows a Decision of March 28, 2002.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10*

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Therefore, copies of Responses filed April 12 and August 28, 2002, along with copies of the express mail receipts and mail logs are attached and renewed.

Respondited,

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IN THE UNITED STATES RECEIVING OFFICE (RO/US)

In the matter of: Alexandr Ivanovich NIKITIN, et al.

International Application No.: PCT/RU99/00385

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RESPONSE TO DECISION ON PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

A copy of the Transmittal Letter to the United States Elected Office for the above application is attached. It shows an Express Mail date of November 16, 2001, and Mailing Label Number US 011019189 US.

The Transmittal was one of a number returned by the postal service and resubmitted December 6, 2001, pursuant to the Notice of November 20, 2001 and 1251 OG 55.

The Decision on Petition Under 37 CFR 1.10(c) and 1.83 of March 28, 2002, refuses the Transmittal the date of November 16, 2001, based on some confusion that seems to have arisen in the documents resubmitted and/or typographical errors therein. Therefore, the request for the Transmittal to be accorded the date of November 16, 2001, is renewed.

In support thereof, another copy of Mailing Label Number EV 011019189 US is attached to show its postal service receipt date of November 16, 2001.

It will thus be apparent that the Mailing Label Number on the Transmittal is inadvertently incorrect in that it should begin with an EV and not a US. The applicant submits that the 11 succeeding digits and its date adequately identify it.

However, in further support, a copy of the undersigned's mail log is attached to show association of the Transmittal with a Mailing Label Number beginning with EV by the PCT number PCT/RU99/00385 and inventors name (Alexandr I. Nikitin, et a[I] associated with it on the mail log. It is to be regretted that such association is marred by a further inadvertent typographical error in which the Mailing Label Number on the mail log becomes EV 011019139 US instead of EV 011019189 US.

Reconsideration and grant to the Transmittal of the date of November 16, 2001, is, therefore, requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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FURTHER RESPONSE TO DECISION ON PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10 AND REQUEST FOR REFUND

Since the Response of April 12, 2002, it has come to attention that, in addition to the difficulties described therein, the Elected Office has opened another US application file 10/110,576 for the same above-captioned RU application.

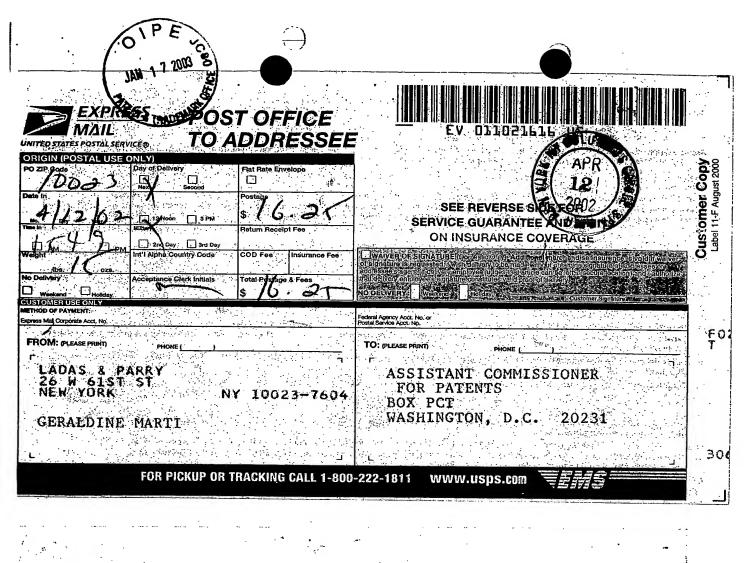
The undersigned has attempted to call this to the attention of the office but the Decision Of March 28, 2002, appears to indicate wrong or changed telephone numbers.

The applicant requests consolidation of the two US application files and a filing date of November 16, 2001.

Refund to deposit account 12-0425 of the charge of \$445.00 (fee code 971 and SEQ 96) of April 22, 2002, is also requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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